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SUBJ: INQUIRY INTO TARIFF CLASSIFICATION OF TREADEASY SHOES

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- 1. EMBASSY WAS CONTACTED SEVERAL DAYS AGO BY GERALD LEVY, AMERICAN BUSINESSMAN WHO DISTRIBUTES TREADEASY SHOES, REGARDING TARIFF CLASSIFICATION ISSUE DISCUSSED REFTEL. EMBASSY HAS JUST RECEIVED NEEDED ADDITIONAL MATERIAL FROM LEVY AND A CONSULTANT HE RETAINED, AND WILL BE PREPARING APPROACH TO CUSTOMS.
- 2. CASE INVOLVES TECHNICAL QUESTIONS, COMPLEXITIES OF AUSTRALIAN LAW, AND UNDOUBTEDLY POLITICAL ASPECTS RELATING TO DISTRESSED CONDITION OF LOCAL SHOE INDUSTRY. CASE HAS GONE ON FOR MANY MONTHS WITH PREVIOUS APPROACHES TO UPPER LEVELS OF AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT. ACCORDINGLY, EMBASSY WOULD EXPECT THAT SECURING A REVERSAL OF CUSTOMS RULING WILL BE A LENGTHY AND LABORIOUS PROCESS. EMBASSY EXPECTS TO BE IN REGULAR CONTACT WITH MR. LEVY AND WOULD ANTICIPATE THAT MR. MINOR WILL BE KEPT INFORMED THROUGH THAT CHANNEL AS MATTERS PROGRESS.

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